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ATOMIC ENERGY IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to add the subject of atomic energy in the school curriculum so as to diffuse the illusion prevailing in the society with regard to the threat of nuclear radiation emanating from atomic energy based power stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to take the students on educational tours of atomic power plants and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The NCERT Class X Science textbook deals with sources of energy including atomic energy in Chapter 14 (Sources of Energy). In the Class XII Physics Textbook (Chapter 12, Atoms), details of the decay of atoms required in atomic energy plants are given. Under popularization of Science Scheme, students are encouraged to develop model projects on such theme that they showcase/present from Block to National Level. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not prescribe any compulsory tours for schools.